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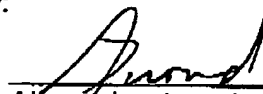
Claim 2 of the present application has been deleted without prejudice. The Examiner has indicated that the subject matter of claims 1, 3-4 is allowable.

In view of the foregoing, a Notice of Allowance for claims 1, 3-4 is respectfully requested.

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